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1. WE AGREE WITH REF C THAT MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE
(MSW) HAS MELLOWED SOMEWHAT IN ITS DEALING WITH ANERA.
GOOD WORK BY ANERA REP SELZ, COUPLED WITH POSITIVE INFLUENCE
BY MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND MFA ON MSW, CONTRIBUTED
TO THE CURRENT BUSINESS-LIKE ANERA-GOI RELATIONSHIP.

2. ON THE BASIS OF OUR MOST RECENT CONTACTS WITH MSW
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (CDF) REP BELSKIS,
WE HAVE
NO REASON TO EXPECT MSW TO OFFER A COMPROMISE
SOLUTION. LAVINE (MSW INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
HEAD) INFORMED US ON JUNE 14 THAT BELSKIS WILL BE TOLD AT
PROJECTED JUNE 21 MEETING THAT MSW POLICY IN GAZA
HAS BEEN BACKED BY GAZA MILITARY GOVERNOR MAIMON AND WILL
NOT BE MODIFIED. LAVINE STATED THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF
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MEETING WILL BE TO CONVEY THIS POINT TO BELSKIS. HE
ASSERTED THAT MSW IS NOT BLUFFING, BUT THAT IT RECOG-
NIZES THAT NEITHER IS CDF. LAVINE MADE POINT THAT MSW
WILL STNAD FIRM ON WHAT IT CONSIDERS A QUESTION OF
POLICY, AND IT IS NOW UP TO CDF TO DECIDE IF IT IS
WILLING TO WORK IN GAZA ON THE TERMS SET DOWN BY THE
MSW. IN ADDITION, BELSKIS TOLD US ON JUNE 14 THAT IN

HIS CONTACTS WITH GOI OFFICIALS, HE HAS RECEIVED NO SUGGESTION THAT MSW TERMS FOR CDF OPERATIONS IN GAZA WILL BE MODIFIED. GIVEN CDF'S DEMAND FOR AUTONOMY AND THE MSW REQUIREMENT THAT CDF WORK HAND IN HAND WITH MSW/GAZA, IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT CDF PROJECT CAN BE MADE ACCEPTABLE TO GOI.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO KNOW THE POLICY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT RE VOLAG OPERATIONS IN THE TERRITORIES, THE CURRENT FIRM GOI POSITION IN GAZA AND SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE STANCE IN THE WEST BANK ARE UNLIKELY TO CHANGE, AT LEAST IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER VOLAG AUTONOMY.

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